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Dear graduate students,

As we approach the middle of the fall semester, I hope you find yourself learning and growing from your experience at USC, both inside and outside the classroom and laboratory.

While the administrators and faculty want to see all of our graduate students perform well academically and professionally, we also want to remind you of the importance of performing with integrity. Each of you has the responsibility for creating and maintaining a personal and academic environment in which honesty and ethical behavior flourish.

To ensure your success, we strongly encourage you to do the following:

- Speak with your faculty members to understand the expectations of the classroom, the laboratory, and your profession. Always ask for clarification if you are unsure of how to proceed with an assignment or task.

- Review the Student Code of Conduct and the Academic Policies in SCampus to understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at USC. Please note that grade disputes and academic integrity violations will be managed by faculty and administrators within your School.

- Ask for assistance if you are feeling overwhelmed. Do not be tempted to act unethically if you are struggling academically or personally. Please contact us so we can help you identify appropriate resources on campus: https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa/ssa-contact/.

Best of luck this fall semester, and be well.

Sincerely,

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